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UNRECORDED: Today's program is dedicated to the men of America who have fought conservation as a major part of the program carried on by the government and which they have effected. The General Federation of Women's Clubs, has contributed greatly to the interest in conservation. The members of the American Federation have worked on education work in roadside beautification. The Forest Products Association has been instrumental in bringing tree planting home school children and in introducing the study of Conservation into our schools. Many other organizations of national reputation have done important work. And countless local groups have added to the inevitable success of conservation. Even in the little village of Sleeping Ute, the women are much interested in forest conservation, and we will, in fact, get on up to the Pine Cone Ranger Station and see what's going on. We find Ranger Jim Perkins and his assistant, Jerry, in the office. ---

JIM: (FADING IN) Say, Jerry, do you remember how much tree planting was done by our OGO boys last year?

JERRY: "I've got it here on my desk somewhere. (RATTLING PAPERS) Here it is. Here's all the figures, Jim."

JIM: Thanks --- I just want to check what I had here. I can't afford to make a mistake in this speech. Somebody'd be sure to call me on it.

JERRY: Oh, good, Jim, that bunch of women couldn't know the right figures from the wrong ones. And they wouldn't remember 'em if they did.

JIM: Don't you fool yourself for a minute, Jerry. If I make a mistake, somebody'll correct me, sure as I'm alive. You know, Jerry, the Ladies Guild isn't a social club alone. They've done some pretty fine things for our community.

JERRY: (WITHOUT CONVICTION) Oh, sure. I guess they have.

JIM: You ought to take more of an interest in the sort of things they do. Believe me, these women are getting things done.

JERRY: I know they are --- but --- well --- I'd rather leave speech-making and club work and --- all that stuff to somebody else. It's not in my line.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Seems to me I've heard that kind of talk before.

JERRY: Well, I'm not exactly cut out for it. You know what I mean.

JIM: Uhuh. I expect I do. But in the Forest Service, you're supposed to do whatever's needed of us, whenever it's needed, and do the best job of it we can.

JERRY: You bet, Jim. I know that all right. But what I mean is, you can always find somebody to make a speech.

JIM: Well, I don't know about that.

JERRY: Well, at least, you can find somebody to struggle through the motions.

Oh, yes. You're right about that. They want the leaders to
tell us to tell them something about conservation. They don't
want a speaker who rushes through a speech with a pained look
on his face and then heaves a big sigh of relief when he's finished.
No, nobody'd do that, Jim. But, look, we're farmers and
politicians. I think it's a mistake to

But it is we don't tell the things they want to know about, and
will tell them!

Well, chuckle. They can read about it, if they're interested.

Look here, Jerry. You're like a lot of other fellows. You say
"Sure, something ought to be done about all this." But you don't
stop to say how to do it. If that's how you handle your own ranch
district when you get one, there won't be anybody around here who
kind of work you're doing. If we want people to work with us
we've got to do our share and help them.

I know, Jim. I didn't mean to sound important. You're right as
rain. But -- oh, say, are we going up to the new building at
Perkins is going to start on Friday Peak tomorrow?

Yes. We'll have to. He has some new equipment we want to make
in operation.

I see -- well, I guess I'll go get the mail now. It ought to be
sorted by now.

All right, son.

(FADING) I'll be right back, Jim.

(MUSIC OPENS AND CLOSERS)

(FADING IN) Oh, Jim, are you still here? I thought I heard you go
out just now.

That was Jerry. He's gone after the girls. See

Oh -- do you have your speech ready for tonight?

All set, Bear. I'm just checking the figures again.

I expect you'll give a big turn-out. Our Commissioner proposed the most important part of our work should every member in the Union be on some committee for it.

I think it's mighty fine that so be interested as all that, Jim. I tried to get around to saying that the other evening. But so many things piled up here I didn't have the time to say so. It must have been too much for them. They asked for a speaker.

They're glad to have you speak to this tomorrow you see, Jim.

They've done some splendid work, and I go along for them too.

For nothing -- I was talking to Jerry about it a minute ago.

He hasn't taken any interest or passion in organizing. He's just as to be satisfied as he should.

You may be sure I want to see speeches.

Well -- yes, I suppose that is the trouble.

I wouldn't worry if I were you, Jim. I remember how you used to hate making a speech.

But why? I never in my life refused to talk but a --

Why, Jim, I never will forget the first time you took victory over the Indians. You didn't sleep a wink for three nights.

That's right, Bear. I've since forgotten about it. (Laughs)

And after it was over the first time you never needed sleep.

So golly, that gives me an idea.

What, Jim?

It's easier to have Jerry make the speech.

13890 Jerry! But why, Bill?

13891 I'll do him good.

13892 But he can't prove anything by this evening.

13893 He can use my opinion. He helped me get the word together. He knows what it's all about.

13894 Do you think he'll do it well?

13895 Well better, if he knows what's good for him. (CHUCKLES)

13896 But what are you going to tell him?

13897 Al Perkins is awaiting me a few times this afternoon tomorrow morning. I've got to be on my feet at that time. I'll go on there tonight. I'll save me the trouble of starting at about four o'clock in the morning. And I'll leave behind me the music.

13898 Well, perhaps it won't be as difficult for him as he thinks.

13899 Of course not, Sam. There's a lot of folks just like Jerry.

13900 They're scared to death to get in before a few ladies to see what we're going to do. They try to get in if they aren't interested. And when we start, because then, they get on a lot of stuff. I can disguise the problem by saying it isn't really the same. I know I've seen him before.

13901 You're going to tell him about it right away, aren't you?

13902 You bet I do, Sam. Just as soon as he gets out from the office. (PENSIVE)

13903 (A CROWD (MARCH BOYS) TO S.G.)

13904 (FACING IN) Any mail for me, Sam?

13905 (SLIGHTLY OFF HIRE) Just a minute, Jerry.

13906 Okay -- Hi, Bill.

JOHN: (FADING IN) Hello, Jerry.

JERRY: Hello.

JOHN: Hello, Jerry. Afternoon, Jerry.

JERRY: Hi, John.

JOHN: (FADING IN) Hello, Jerry.

JERRY: (EAGERLY) Hi, Mary. There's you, Mary?

JOHN: I'm on my way back to school.

JERRY: See, you look well today.

JOHN: Thank you, Jerry.

JERRY: It's been so long since I've seen you.

JOHN: Almost two days.

JOHN LAUGH

JERRY: Are you busy tonight?

JOHN: I'm going to a meeting of the Ladies Guild. In Boston. I have to speak, you know.

JERRY: Can I call for you after the meeting?

JOHN: I'd love to have you, but I'm not going home with Mr. Brown.

JERRY: With all that bunch of women? I should say not.

JOHN: But we have very interesting meetings, Jerry.

JERRY: Oh, I've heard about Mr. Jim Jones. I guess he likes to talk.

JOHN: But you have made speeches.

JERRY: Oh, I have done it. But I'm a Foreigner, Mary, not a native speaker.

JOHN: Oh, no, of course not. But he --

JOHN: He does a lot of speaking, doesn't he?

JERRY: But that's different.

JOHN: How is it?

JERRY: What?

JERRY: How do you like it?
MART: Well, -- it's a very nice place. I like it very much. I like the
and all these are interested in forestry. For it's a very
very. Women, even, are interested in it.
MART: I don't see why the forests just as well as men.
JERRY: Oh, sure. I didn't mean it that way.
MART: And they come in all the other ways.
JERRY: Sure, but what did they do to help us get the most out of
conservation?
MART: Lots of things, Jerry -- for instance, Mrs. Abbott. She's
-- president of the Guild this year.
JERRY: Is she?
MART: Well, Mrs. Abbott.
JERRY: (FADING IN -- MIDDLE AGE, FRIENDLY, ALERT) How are you, Jerry?
MART: Fine, thank you. You know Jerry, don't you?
JERRY: Of course I do.
MART: How do you do, Mrs. Abbott?
JERRY: Are you coming to our Christmas party?
MART: Well -- no, I'm not. But I'll be there.
JERRY: Ah, we're so glad to hear that, too. I would like to see you
again. It's just two weeks ago, but I'll always be there.
JERRY: He said this morning that you didn't like it. Good-bye for the
moment.
JERRY: It's nice of him to say so. He has a very friendly character.
MART: I see.
JERRY: I must run along. My mother's waiting for me. (FADING OUT)
MART: Good-bye, Jerry.

ANN: Goodbye, Mr. Abbott -- I'll come to the door to see you
 Jerry, or I'll be late

JERRY: Bye! I'll go along with you. I told you I'd be right back.

CROWE FADES OUT

PAUSE

DOOR OPENS AND CLOSSES

JERRY: (PADING IN) Here you are, Jim.

JIM: Well, have they moved the post office to the other side of town?

JERRY: Nah? (LAUGHS) No, I was talking to Mary.

JIM: I thought you were over anxious to get to the post office

JERRY: I've got a date with her tonight

JIM: That right?

JERRY: I'm going around after the Guild meeting to pick her up. She's
 a member of the Guild, you know.

JIM: Well, what's the time? That time right is with everything. I want
 to get up to Al Perkins soon tonight. Instead of making my speech
 start tomorrow morning. Why you can make the speech for me.

JERRY: I can't what ???

JIM: You can speak to the Ladies Guild in my place.

JERRY: You mean -- (LAUGHS WEAKLY) -- no, you're just trying to get
 Jim, because I --

JIM: No, indeed I mean it.

JERRY: But I couldn't speak to all those women.

JIM: Why not? You've made speeches before and you don't want to let
 them down.

JERRY: Well, let me go to the Junior camp and you go ahead and make the
 speech. That's a lot better way to do it.

MR. A: Can I look at it?

MR. B: Sure. Jim worked hard on it. It's a pretty good sketch.

MR. C: I hope it will be — oh, here comes Mr. Robert.

MR. D: Oh yes. I wish I was in London on some plane.

MR. A: (SINGING IN) Hello, Mary — and Jimmy — all the time —
and after all.

MR. B: Thank you.

MR. A: Is Mr. Roberts with you?

MR. B: He wouldn't come tonight, but he'll be in next week.
He'll be here.

MR. A: Oh, I hope he isn't ill.

MR. B: He won't be. The house doctor is coming in
tomorrow, and my sister said on Monday, "I'm not
in the mood." And the fact is, he is a little bit nervous
of these new boys.

MR. A: I want to see one of the girls before we start singing.
Jimmy. (SINGING) This is a very nice melody.

MR. B: All right, Mary.

MR. A: Well, Jimmy, I think we're going to see a very large crowd.
It looks quite promising.

MR. B: I'm sure of it — I mean — that's very nice.

MR. A: Everyone in the place is extremely interested in our musical
program.

MR. B: (WITHOUT CONVICTION) I'm glad to hear that.

MR. A: We have some extensive plans outlined for the future.

JOHN: (VAGUELY) Well, that's nice -- it's a lovely room
isn't it?

JOHN: Perhaps we'd better leave you to the ladies' room.

JOHN: Oh, no, no -- I -- it's not bad --

JOHN: Well, are you going to speak to us today? I'll just
go to tell the ladies when I introduce you.

JOHN: Oh, I'm going to speak -- oh, well, wherever you want!

JOHN: What was?

JOHN: Oh, I've lost my speech -- it's gone -- I can't --

JOHN: Did you bring it with you?

JOHN: Of course I did! I can't speak without it. I had it --

(PAUSE) Oh -- (SHEEPISHLY) Oh, I forgot. Well, well, it
I'll have to find her before I start.

JOHN: She said she'd be back.

JOHN: Yes, I hope she doesn't forget. I'm sure she'll
couldn't have forgot. But she's a little bit late. It's
very important too.

JOHN: Yes, I know. I was to go with Paul Thomas. (SHEEPISHLY)
Al Perkins about it.

JOHN: (VAGUELY) You were?

JOHN: Yes, it's an exceptionally good event of interest for a
concerned field operation. The only thing is it will be a
second cutting in a very long time.

JOHN: You think so?

MR. B. I was just looking at the record of the...
Mr. Robbins was injured in the fire that summer.

TERRE: You were by there?

MRS. A. You see our major project this year is reforestation so much
of that land is as possibly old. It could be that it's not
to make enough to cover it entirely. But we hope to get other
organizations interested, too.

TERRE: Oh, I see -- you mean -- the Ladies Guild is going to make
some money for planting the burned land.

MRS. A. Yes. We're asking members of the club you know for all kinds
clubs to cooperate with the Forest Service in planting work.

TERRE: (WITH GRADUALLY INCREASING ENTHUSIASM) Oh -- of course. The
more the plan where you become more willing for so much of
planting and the Forest Service agrees to furnish the seeds
and plant and protect the forest.

MRS. A. That's it. Of course. The small area is less over 1000
acres to make it so large a burn. The 1st will be a
beginning, at least.

TERRE: (ENTHUSIASTICALLY) Oh, yes, Mrs. Abbott, it looks so good
for small the planting is. Every acre that gets planted is
just that much more help for the forest.

MRS. A. It does give us something tangible to show for our work.
And when you get up a sign to show and save the location
for the planting, we rather like to feel that we've entered
into a sort of partnership with the Forest Service.

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WERRY: Thanks very. But I can't read it now. I've got lost
to say without it.

WERRY: FEMALE

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